

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU
April 11, 1918—Last twenty-
four hours' rainfall .02.
Temperature Min. 69; Max.
79. Weather, partly cloudy.

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FOOD FORECAST FOR TODAY
One Meatless and one Wheatless Meal.

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GERMANS WIN NO ADVANTAGE THOUGH THEY THROW VAST ARMIES AGAINST THE BRITISH

Heaviest Attacks Are Launched Far To the North End of Line of Battle

Teuton Leaders Show No Thought of Thou- sands of Own Men They Sacrifice

NEW YORK, April 12—(Associated Press)—Swinging his mightiest legions and his heaviest guns far to the north, von Hindenburg is now driving at the British line between Arras and Ypres, the great gray armies charging again and again upon the British positions under a tempest of high explosive and gas shells.

This is a major operation on the part of the German general staff. The magnitude of the forces hurled against the British lines demonstrates this, as well as the fury with which the attacks are being delivered and the wanton disregard on the part of the German commanders of the loss of life suffered by the troops under them. Thousands upon thousands of the German veterans fell yesterday, their massed ranks providing targets which the British, Portuguese, Canadian and American defenders of the positions could not miss. And, despite the vast loss of life, the day ended as it had begun, with the British holding substantially every position of the morning.

NO ADVANTAGES GAINED

From Hollebecke, some five miles southeast of Ypres, south to Arras, the battle raged throughout the day, without a lull. At one point, just south of Ypres, the Germans gained ground, but at no point have their gains brought the least tactical advantage and before every point of importance they were thrown back again and again.

The British still retain their grip on the Wytchate and the Messine ridges, commanding the countryside over which the German attackers must continue to advance if the battle is to go on. Ploegsteert Woods, a position of importance between Warneton and Armentieres, is again wholly in British hands, the enemy having been driven out of that section taken on Wednesday.

POSITIONS NOT ENDANGERED

At no point on the thirty-mile front are the British positions endangered. So far the third battle of Ypres is a British victory, with the enemy torn and battered and counting his losses by the many thousands.

A Reuter despatch from British headquarters last night reported the greatest German effort of the afternoon as directed against the Belgian town of Hollebecke. Here a formidable attack was launched, the Germans coming forward in great masses, endeavoring to force their way forward by weight of vastly superior numbers. British guns tore gashes through the advancing regiments, machine guns and rifles poured torrents of bullets into the charging ranks, sweeping the front lines away time and again, until the Huns could no longer face the blizzard of steel and faltered, stopped and withdrew, only to be sent forward again into a repetition of the bloody inferno. Nightfall found the attack completely repulsed.

Between LaBasse and the Ypres-Comines canal the fighting was general throughout the day and many points along the front changed hands during the day, with the net gains to the British. At La Creche, Nieppe and Hollebecke, where the Germans had gained footholds on Wednesday, British counters drove them back yesterday and a number of German prisoners were taken.

WHERE GERMANS GAINED

German gains were made on the tip of the salient driven into the British and Portuguese lines south of Armentieres, this drive bringing them close to Steenwerck. This wedge now threatens the British hold on Armentieres, Steenwerck being almost directly west and five miles distant from the former place. Should the Germans be able to widen this wedge they may effect turning movement towards the north, enveloping Armentieres. On the other hand, British counters south from Armentieres or north from Neuve Chapelle are designed to cut off the enemy on this salient.

UTMOST CONFIDENCE FELT

A Reuter's despatch which was received in London last night and is published in this morning's editions of the papers said: "The situation in Flanders is such that hand to hand engagements and fighting of the heaviest character will be certain to ensue. The outlook, however, is viewed by the Allies with the utmost confidence and not with alarm although the seriousness of the situation is none the less clearly recognized."

BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP HITS MINE AND FOUNDERS

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, April 11—(Associated Press)—The Belgian relief ship *Flinders* struck a mine on Monday and was sunk, according to the Handelsblad. The crew was saved.

BISHOP OF PHILIPPINES

NEW YORK, April 11—(Associated Press)—Rev. James Gilmer Gresham, dean of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, has been elected bishop of the Philippines by the Episcopal house of bishops to succeed Rt. Rev. Charles Brent.

SWIFT AND COMPANY TO INCREASE STOCK

CHICAGO, April 12—(Associated Press)—Swift & Company, the great packing establishment is to declare a stock dividend of \$50,000,000 to be offered to the present stockholders at par. The proceeds will be used to care for the large increase that has come to the business of the corporation.

ATTACK BREAKS DOWN

PARIS, April 11—(Associated Press)—The German attack in Champagne has broken down under the French fire. Heavy artillery fighting is taking place between Montdidier and Noyon.

AMERICANS STAND OF STRONG ATTACK

Forces in Toul Sector Meet Heaviest Onslaught Yet Di- rected Against Them

WASHINGTON, April 12—(Associated Press)—American forces, occupying a sector of the French front Northwest of Toul yesterday morning repulsed the most severe attack which has been made upon that American sector against which a number of strong movements have been launched by the enemy. It was the brilliant gunnery of the Americans which prevented the attempted raid in which a force of more than eight hundred enemy participated.

Proceeded by a heavy and violent artillery bombardment of three days in which gas shells and high explosives were used by the enemy, the attack was made just before sunrise yesterday morning. The fighting that ensued lasted for more than two hours.

Forward the enemy rushed against the fire of the Americans. They reached even to the entanglements. There they were stopped, fell back and again advanced. Time after time they would push forward to the wire entanglements and there in every instance the effective fire of the Americans stopped them. A few only got through and to the trenches there to die or surrender.

No Americans were taken prisoners by the German attackers whose loss in killed and wounded was heavy.

Casualties Announced

Casualties announced by the war department yesterday numbered 234. Of these twenty-three were killed in action, seven died of wounds, five died as the result of accidents, seven were missing after actions in which they participated, fifteen died of disease, eight were severely wounded and thirty-eight were slightly wounded.

Asks French Officers

Additional French officers to assist in and to expedite the training of American troops have been asked by General March, American chief of staff from the French government. His request was made through the French embassy and he emphasizes the need if the United States is to hasten the movement of its expeditionary forces as it desired.

NAVAL BASE OPENED IN AZORE ISLANDS

From Well Fortified Headquar- ters Destroyer Fleet Is Policing Sea Lanes

WASHINGTON, April 12—(Associated Press)—For the protection of the commerce of the world through the sea lanes over which it is accustomed to travel, the United States has established in the Azores, with the consent of Portugal, to which nation those islands belong, a strong naval base, was the announcement today by the navy department. It will be headquarters for a strong destroyer fleet in the warfare against the Hun submarines. An American submarine fleet will also operate from this base.

Under the agreement with Portugal the United States has landed and mounted guns and established a thorough system of fortification. An airship base has also been established. Since Germany has become fully aware of the existence of this base and station objection to the publication of the fact of its existence has been withdrawn by the bureau of public information.

TAXES MAY AMOUNT TO FOUR BILLIONS

WASHINGTON, April 12—(Associated Press)—Income tax officials yesterday estimated that the revenue obtained from the income taxes and the war excess profits taxes, due in June, may reach four billions of dollars.

The treasury department is considering a recommendation that these shall be paid in three installments, thus relieving a situation which might occasion serious difficulties for the banks of the country. It is proposed to have these installments paid on the fifteenth days of June, August and October.

BOLSHEVIKI SLAY BOTH JAPANESE AND CHINESE WANTONLY

Two Bloody Orgies of Rioting Are Reported At Harbin By Refugees Arriving

COSSACKS SLAIN WHEN THEY AID ORIENTALS

Eight Japanese and Two Chi- nese Are Reported To Have Been Killed

WASHINGTON, April 12—(Associated Press)—More Japanese and Chinese have lost their lives at the hands of the Bolsheviks and an already tense and serious situation has become more complicated. The Japanese will undoubtedly point to this action as an added reason for the presence of armed forces in Siberia and for refusal to heed the protests that have been made against the landing of a force from Japanese war vessels.

Refugees from Blago and Viestchenek, who left Saturday have reached Harbin and tell of between two hundred and three hundred non-combatants having been killed in two bloody orgies of rioting, according to Harbin despatches.

The Bolsheviks attempted to disarm the Japanese of Blago and Viestchenek, who had armed themselves in self defense. They refused to yield their arms and the Cossacks came to their aid. Then a bloody fight followed and it is reported by the refugees that a hundred of the Cossacks were slain. They also say that eight Japanese and two Chinese were killed during the rioting.

What Russia Loses

Despatches from Petrograd received yesterday told of the territorial and population loss of Russia as a result of the Brest-Litovsk treaty and said: Russia has suffered great loss of territory and of population by the peace treaty concluded by the Bolshevik government. It is estimated that Russia is giving up 780,000 square kilometers of territory and 50,000,000 inhabitants.

NO AMERICANS LAND AT VLADIVOSTOK

TOKIO, April 11—(Special to Nippon Jiji)—American marines have not landed at Vladivostok. This was the word received from the Siberian post today. Both Japanese and British marines have landed to protect the interests of the foreigners in that port. American warships are in the harbor. The situation is so alarming that the Chinese government has already dispatched a warship to Siberian waters and Chinese are urging that the foreigners be protected from the Bolshevik element. The radicals at Vladivostok fear that Japan may take some immediate action.

LIST OF NEEDS OF GOVERNMENT MADE

War Industries Board Prepares Schedule of Essentials That Are To Have Priority

WASHINGTON, April 11—(Official)—A long list issued today by the war industries board sets forth the manufacturing which are to be deemed most essential and of the most vital necessity to the United States for its successful conduct of the war and which are entitled thereby to priority in the supply of fuel for manufacture and in transportation for the finished product.

The essentials named include: aircraft, munitions, training camp equipment, small arms, chemicals, coke, electrical equipment, explosives, farm implements, fertilizers, bricks, food, guns, hemp, jute and cotton bags, iron, steel, foundry tools, mine equipment, magazines, newspapers, oil refinery products, oil well implements, public utilities and railway equipment, refrigeration appliances, seeds, tanker coal, ships' supplies, soap, tanneries and tin plate supplies, twine, rope and wire.

Additions probably will be made in later announcements. Members of the board express the belief that the people of the country will readily acquiesce in this limiting of non-essentials and such further limitations as may become necessary since the winning of the war is now generally by and popularly considered of paramount importance to any and all private enterprises and private wishes. The nation is now solidly united for the war and from every quarter a willingness to sacrifice can be noted.

The imminent participation of the great body of American troops in the tremendous battle along the Western front smothering any attempts at petty complaints and is stimulating a greater popular determination for full victory without regard to what may be the cost.

STONE IMPROVING

WASHINGTON, April 11—(Associated Press)—Senator William J. Stone of Missouri, who suffered a paralytic stroke yesterday, passed a comfortable night and it is hoped that the crisis is passed and he will live.

DUPLICITY OF CHARLES OF AUSTRIA IS MADE CLEAR BY HIS OWN AUTOGRAPH LETTER

EMPEROR CHARLES of Austro-Hungary whom the French government accuses of lying and against whom it offers docu- mentary evidence.



In Official Note Ruler of Dual Empire Is Accused of Lying and Proof Given

Promised To Do All In His Power To Re- store Alsace and Lorraine To French

PARIS, April 12—(Associated Press)—Charles of Austria is charged with deliberate lying in an official note which was issued by the French government. How he promised, only a year ago, to use his influence with his Allies to secure a return to France of Alsace and Lorraine, admitting that they belonged rightfully to France and for the rehabilitation and restoration of Belgium is told in the publication of his autograph letter. No words are mined in the letter which is a clear assertion of the duplicity of the ruler of the dual empire, with documentary evidence given to support the charge. The official note says:

"Once caught in the cogwheels of lies does not mean that the lying will be stopped. Such is the case with Emperor Charles of Austro-Hungary.

"Under the direct eye of Berlin the Emperor Charles is taking it upon himself to make various assertions and various denials through his mouth-piece von Czernin which compel the French government to furnish the proofs of the unreliability of his words and his utter lack of integrity.

"Herewith is furnished the text of Emperor Charles' autograph letter, written under the date of March 31, 1917. Its contents were communicated to President Poincaré by Prince Sextus Bourbon, brother-in-law of Charles."

The letter expresses the admiration of the writer for the valor of the people of the French republic and deploras a third year of mourning but it declares that the Austrian emperor is determined to "safeguard the integrity of his empire even at the cost of the heaviest of sacrifices." Further on it continues: "I beg of you to convey privately and unofficially to President Poincaré the promise that I will support by every means, exerting my personal means with my Allies, the just claim of France to Alsace-Lorraine."

"Belgium should be entirely reestablished in its sovereignty."

PERSISTENT REPORTS ARE NOW EXPLAINED

WASHINGTON, April 12—(Associated Press)—Explanation of the persistent reports that have come from Vienna that approaches for peace between the United States and Austria were found today in despatches received by the way of London and from inquiries made here.

In a Vienna despatch to the Berlin Tageblatt, London reported, it was said that negotiations looking to a possible peace were being carried on in Vienna.

French Foundlings Slain and Maimed

Foundlings, helpless little children without fathers or mothers to protect them were the victims of Hun fright- ful which the long distance rifle or rifles of the enemy exacted of Paris.

To the already long list of non-combatants, old men, women and children were added more than a score of new "casualties", of helpless babes.

One of the shells which was thrown by the Hun long range gun yesterday found its mark in a foundling asylum exploding, wrecking the building almost completely and slaying and maiming the inmates.

When wreckers went to work of rescue they brought out four little corpses. Attracted by walls and means they rescued the wounded for whom there were twenty-one, some crushed, some with limbs torn from their tiny bodies.

Used as the French to Teuton atrocities there is the utmost indignation expressed in Paris.

STEAMER MINNETONKA IS REPORTED AS LOST

NEW YORK, April 11—(Associated Press)—The British steamer Min- netonka was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean Sea last February, it was learned today.

The Minnetonka was a four-masted steel twin screw steamer of 13,528 tons. She was built in 1902 by Harland & Wolff, Belfast, and was owned by the Atlantic Transportation Co., Ltd. Her home port was Belfast.

PUBLIC DEMAND IS FOR PUNISHMENT OF SPIES

WASHINGTON, April 11—(Official)—Passage by the senate of the Anti-Spy Bill is in accord with the popular demand for a complete suppression of the activities of German agents and other pro-Germans or those who oppose the conduct of the war by improper means. The measure has already passed the house, but there are some slight differences which need harmonizing at the hands of the conference committee before final enactment.

SACKVILLE-WEST NAMED

LONDON, England, April 11—(Associated Press)—Major-General Sackville West has been appointed as the British acting military representative on the supreme war council sitting at Versailles.

Iowa First State To Subscribe Quota

WASHINGTON, April 12—(Associated Press)—Official figures of subscriptions thus far compiled for the bonds of the Third Liberty Loan were announced last evening at \$275,919,000 although probably more than \$400,000,000 has been actually subscribed thus far. Officials express themselves as highly gratified at the results which are in excess of the subscriptions for the same number of days of either of the other two campaigns.

Iowa appears to be the first state to have filled its quota. Despatches from Chicago last night said the State was claiming that honor.

DANIELS TELLS OF INCREASE IN NAVY

Wonderful Progress Shown and Greatest War Fleet Will Determine Results

CHICAGO, April 11—(Official)—Details of the growth and the progress of the navy, additional to those which he gave in his recent speech in Cleveland, were given by Secretary of Navy Daniels when he spoke here today on behalf of the Third Liberty Loan.

In the past year, Daniels said, there have been added to the United States Navy 1275 vessels with a tonnage of 1,055,116 tons besides which there are now building 794 "smaller vessels." The shipping yards of the country, both those of the government and many of those that are individually or privately owned are working day and night to turn out the additions to the United States' fleet of destroyers.

The first American destroyer flotilla reached Europe on May 4 and other naval detachments arrived in European waters the same month.

Daniels added that the "most powerful navy will win this war."

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